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POSTMASTER FOR FLORENCE.

John C. Kiker Gets Appointment at

Florence and S. Kiker King at Dar-

lington.

Washington, Sept. 16.—A number

of recent presidential appointments

of interest were announced today.

Among them was the nomination of

John C. Kiker to be postmaster at

Florence and S. Kiker King to be

postmaster at Darlington.

Mr. Kiker, who will succeed in

Florence the Rev. Joshua Wilson, the

former postmaster, is a young man and

the son of Mr. John Kiker, a leading

business man of Florence and a man

of considerable means. Mr. Kiker,

an appointee, as well as his father,

is a man of good standing in Florence.

Capt. King is one of the most popu-

lar young men in Darlington and is

now probate judge of Darlington

county. He is, of course, a Democrat.

Formerly he was the captain of the

Charleston Guards. He is a brother-

in-law of State Senator Muger Sin-

clair and Maj. D. L. Stalker, of Char-

leston. Capt. King's appointment will

create a vacancy in the office of pro-

bate judge in Darlington.

FOR MARKETING COTTON.

Mr. Thompson Advises Growers to

Market Their Crop at the Rate of Ten

per Cent a Month.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 11.—W. B.

Thompson, president of the New Or-

leans cotton exchange and head of the

cotton firm of W. B. Thompson & Co.

of this city, has issued a circular let-

ter to farmers, wherein he offers a

new plan for the marketing of the

cotton crop. He urges farmers to

market their crops at the rate of ten

per cent a month. According to

Mr. Thompson, this would create a

stable market for both buyers and

seller.

Mr. Thompson says in part:

"Let the producer of cotton market

10 per cent of his crop each month

for ten months. An instant of reflection

will convince any thoughtful man

that, whether the crop so marketed

be large or small, and whether a

hundred planters or a hundred thou-

sand employ the method, the result

will be better than if the crop was

sold at once or the attempt made to

hold it all. If the plan is good for

one planter, it is good for all, and

if all, or any great number of plant-

ers adopt it, the problem of market-

ing the crop is solved."

FOOT BALL FOR SUMTER.

Challenges Will be Issued to All Am-

ateur Teams in the State.

The splendid foot ball material that

Sumter now has will be utilized this

winter in the formation of a team

that will creditably represent the

Game Cock city on the checkerboard.

As the game continues to grow in

popularity, the number of college foot

ball players rapidly increases, until

nearly every city in the State of any

importance has enough men—fam-

iliar with the great game—to form the

nucleus of a good team.

Sumter is particularly fortunate in

this respect, and with the experienced

players anxious to again get into the

line of scrimmage, and, at the same

time, ready to train and coach the

splendid available material, the pros-

pects for some lively games this win-

ter seems most encouraging.

A meeting will be held next Wed-

nesday night in the office of Harby &

Co., with the view of arousing inter-

est in the project, and to ascertain

the number and character of men

who are interested. Every man will

be given a fair trial to make the

team, a good coach has been secured,

so all who care to get into the game

are urged to be present at 8:30 o'clock

Wednesday evening.

Cheer up! You can have liver and

kidney complaint as well as Harri-

an.—Detroit News.

DISPENSARY GRAFT CASES.

ELEVEN MEN INDICTED BY

RICHLAND GRAND JURY.

Big Frauds Are Alleged—Valuable In-

formation Given by Joseph B. Wy-

lie, John T. Earley and Henry Sam-

uels, the Two Latter Former Liquor

Salesmen.

Columbia, Sept. 10.—The State, to-

day fired its first big gun in the dis-

pensary "graft" cases. Indictments

were handed out against:

Joseph B. Wyllie, of Chester.

James B. Farnum, of Charleston.

J. M. Rawlinson, of Richland.

John Black, of Columbia.

M. A. Goodman, of Cincinnati.

John Bell Towill, of Lexington.

H. Lee Solomons, of Metell.

John T. Earley, of Batesburg.

W. O. Tatum, of Orangeburg.

Dennis Weiskopf, of Cincinnati.

L. Whit Boykin, of Camden.

There are several cases against

some of the defendants.

In one of the indictments it is

charged that M. A. Goodman, J. S.

Farnum, John C. Earley and H. Lee

Solomons paid or conspired to de-

fraud the State out of the sum of

\$135,000.

In the list of defendants it will be

noticed that Messrs. Joseph B. Wyllie,

J. M. Rawlinson and John Black are

members of the last board of control,

charged with the purchase of liquor.

Messrs. John Bell Towill and L.

Whit Boykin are members of previous

boards of control, also charged with

the purchase of liquor, but in the fifth

indictment Messrs. Boykin and Towill

are especially charged "with con-

spiracy to defraud the State out of

\$22,500," in the purchase of a car-

load of labels. It is also charged in

this particular case that former Com-

missioner W. O. Tatum is involved.

Most of the cases are those of bri-

bery or conspiracy, and, of course,

there are two ends to such a charge,

the men who are alleged to have given

the money and the men who are

alleged to have taken the money. Ac-

cording to the indictments those in

official positions, who, it is alleged,

received money, or were on that end

of the line, are the members of the

boards of control and the commis-

sioners of the dispensary system.

Messrs. John Black, Rawlinson, Wy-

lie, Boykin, Towill and Tatum. The

giving end of the line is represented

by Messrs. Goodman, Solomons, Ear-

ley, Weiskopf, and Farnum, of Char-

leston, whose name appears in a ma-

jority of the cases.

When the court met this morning

Solicitor Cobb handed out six indict-

ments, which are summarized as fol-

lows:

First, State against James S. Far-

num, bribery, the bribe being alleged

to have been given to Joseph B. Wy-

lie in the sum of \$1,575. Second, the

State against James S. Farnum, bri-

bery. The bribe alleged to have been

given to Joseph B. Wyllie in the sum

of \$1,125. Third, the State against

James S. Farnum, J. M. Rawlinson,

Joseph B. Wyllie and John Black, be-

ing a conspiracy to cheat and defraud

the State of South Carolina out of \$4,-

800. Fourth, the State against John

Black, accepting a bribe and rebate

in the sum of \$2,500. Fifth, the State

against M. A. Goodman, John T. Ear-

ley, Dennis Weiskopf, L. Whit Boy-

kin, John Bell Towill and W. O. Ta-

tum, indictment for conspiracy to de-

fraud the State of South Carolina out

of \$22,500 in the label deal. Sixth, the

State against M. A. Goodman, James

S. Farnum, John T. Earley, H. Lee

Solomons, J. B. Wyllie, John Black

and J. M. Rawlinson, indictment for

conspiracy to defraud the State of

South Carolina and to accept and to

pay rebates in the sum of \$133,000.

There were present at the time that

the indictments were handed out rep-

resenting the State, Solicitor Cobb,

Attorney General Lyon, who has been

the most active spirit in the whole

matter; Mr. W. F. Stevenson, who

has been the counsel for the wind-

ing-up commission, and M. B. L. Ab-

ney, of Columbia, who has been the

special counsel in the case and who

rendered conspicuous service in the

hearing before the United States Sup-

reme Court. Thus far there has been

nothing said with reference to the

testimony, except to announce that

the State wished to present witnesses,

Mr. J. A. V. Schmidt, of St. Louis; J. L.

Thorpe and T. W. Collins, who were

former employees of the dispensary;

Mr. John T. Earley and Mr. Henry

Samuels, who sold to the dispensary,

and Mr. Joseph B. Wyllie, a former

member of the board. The hearings

on the indictments before the grand

jury are behind closed doors, and

there was no desire to secure any

of the evidence prior to its introduction

in court.

The bills were handed out at 1

o'clock today, and it is the hope of

Attorney General Lyon, who has im-

mediate charge of the prosecution,

that they will be brought to trial

next week.

The chief evidence taken before the

grand jury this afternoon was that

given by Jos. B. Wyllie, a former

member of the board of control;

Henry Samuels, who is said to have

been a salesman for a liquor house,

and John T. Earley, also a liquor

salesman. There were other witnesses

before the grand jury, but it is said

these three were the stars. It is said

that they started the members of the

grand jury with the records and evi-

dence, and the grand jury was not

long in returning the six indictments

with "true bill" written across the

face of each.

The big case under indictment is No.

6, in which it is alleged that the three

members of the then board of con-

trol were paid \$133,000 in rebates and

commissions. The grand jury, it is

said, was given what it is claimed

each member received as his share

of the melon cutting. In indictment

No. 6 is what, it is alleged, was the

schedule of graft. In other words, it

is alleged, that the buyers and sell-

ers had a regular schedule of rake

off. "You buy thus and so, and you

get so much an so, it is charged, it

went. The indictment charges that

the graft schedule was something like

this:

That the said Jodie M. Rawlinson,

Jos. B. Wyllie and John Black were to

accept and receive, for every barrel

of whiskey purchased at \$1.47 per

gallon, \$1.50; for every barrel of

whiskey purchased at \$1.50 per gal-

lon, \$2, for every barrel of whiskey

purchased at \$1.50 per gallon, \$3;

for every barrel of whiskey purchased

at \$1.75 per gallon, \$6; for every bar-

rel of whiskey purchased at \$1